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RE: SB 406

To the Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

The purpose of my testimony today is to let the Committee know why I strongly oppose SB 406, a bill for an act entitled, Constitutionally define person. As a young woman in the state of Montana, I feel secure knowing that the State has an interest in protecting my right to privacy, as established under *Roe v. Wade*. This bill attempts to undermine that right by defining an embryo, from the moment of conception, as a person, effectively granting the embryo or fetus a full spectrum of constitutional rights. Such a bill, if enacted into law, would woefully jeopardize the health of Montana's women. Please do not hurt women in Montana, and please do not support SB 406.

Thank you,

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